

REMARKS

Formal Matters

In the specification, the new paragraph added after the title on page 1, line 10 in order to describe the prior history of the parent application.

Claims 1 - 20 remain in this application, while claims 21-39 have been canceled. Although presently cancelled, Applicants retain the right to present withdrawn claims 21-39 in a divisional application.

Priority

Applicants claim priority under 38 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S.S.N.08/686,902, filed July 26, 1996, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of U.S.S.N. 60/029,182, filed July 27, 1995.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 21-39 are canceled without prejudice to later prosecution.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a **telephone conference** would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is **strongly encouraged** to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

This preliminary amendment is submitted with a transmittal letter and petition for a three-month extension of time and fees. In the unlikely event that this document is separated from the transmittal letter or if fees are required, applicants petition the Commissioner to authorize charging our Deposit Account 07-0630 for any fees required or credits due and any extensions of time necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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